

## 2. Amendments to the Claims.

1-6. *(cancelled)*

- 1 7. *(currently amended)* A combination pack and hunting blind, comprising:
- 2 a) a pack; and
- 3 b) a hunting blind;
- 4 wherein said hunting blind has a stowed position;
- 5 wherein said hunting blind has a deployed position;
- 6 wherein said pack **as has** a first surface;
- 7 wherein said first surface of said pack has an open position;
- 8 wherein said hunting blind is housed in said pack when said hunting blind is in
- 9 said stowed position thereof;
- 10 wherein said hunting blind is deployed from said pack when said hunting blind is
- 11 in said deployed position thereof;
- 12 ~~wherein said first surface of said pack depends from said pack when said~~
- 13 ~~first surface of said pack is in said open position thereof;~~ and
- 14 wherein said hunting blind ~~extends from~~ is secured to said ~~pack and said~~ first
- 15 surface of said pack and to a surface of said pack other than said first surface
- 16 of said pack.

1     8.     *(previously presented)* The combination as defined in claim 7; further comprising  
2             first means;  
3             and  
4             wherein said first means is for detachably securing said pack to a tree stand to  
5             hang in a substantially vertical position when said combination pack and hunting  
6             blind is used with a tree stand.

1     9.     *(previously presented)* The combination as defined in claim 7; further comprising  
2             at least one carrying strap;  
3             wherein said at least one carrying strap is disposed on said pack; and  
4             wherein said at least one carrying strap is for use in carrying said combination  
5             pack and hunting blind.

1     10.    *(previously presented)* The combination as defined in claim 7; further comprising  
2             second means; and  
3             wherein said second means is for detachably securing said hunting blind to a tree  
4             stand in a substantially vertical position when said combination pack and hunting  
5             blind is used with a tree stand, said first surface is in said open position thereof,  
6             and said hunting blind is in said deployed position thereof.

1     11.     *(previously presented)* The combination as defined in claim 7, wherein said pack  
2             is a backpack.

1     12.     *(previously presented)* The combination as defined in claim 7, wherein said pack  
2             has a rear surface; and  
3             wherein said first surface of said pack is said rear surface of said pack.

1     13.     *(previously presented)* The combination as defined in claim 8, wherein said pack  
2             has a second surface; and  
3             wherein said first means is disposed on said second surface of said pack.

1     14.     *(previously presented)* The combination as defined in claim 13, wherein said pack  
2             has a top surface; and  
3             wherein said second surface of said pack is said top surface of said pack.

1     15.     *(previously presented)* The combination as defined in claim 9, wherein said pack  
2             has a third surface; and  
3             wherein said at least one carrying strap is disposed on said third surface of said  
4             pack.

- 1     16.    *(previously presented)* The combination as defined in claim 15, wherein said third  
2            surface of said pack is said first surface of said pack; and  
3            wherein said at least one carrying strap is a pair of shoulder straps.
- 1     17.    *(previously presented)* The combination as defined in claim 8, wherein said first  
2            means includes at least one loop.
- 1     18.    *(previously presented)* The combination as defined in claim 17, wherein said at  
2            least one loop of said first means is at least one strap.
- 1     19.    *(previously presented)* The combination as defined in claim 10, wherein said  
2            second means includes at least one loop.
- 1     20.    *(previously presented)* The combination as defined in claim 19, wherein said at  
2            least one loop of said second means is at least one strap.
- 1     21.    *(previously presented)* The combination as defined in claim 7, wherein said  
2            hunting blind is made of a thin, flexible material which is easily wrapped and  
3            folded so as to be easily stowed inside said pack when said hunting blind is in said  
4            stowed position thereof.

1     22.     *(previously presented)* The combination as defined in claim 7, wherein said  
2            hunting blind is secured to said pack and said first surface of said pack so as to  
3            allow said hunting blind to extend substantially said height of said pack and  
4            substantially said height of said first surface of said pack when said first surface of  
5            said pack is in said open position thereof and said hunting blind is in said  
6            deployed position thereof.

1     23.     *(previously presented)* The combination as defined in claim 7; further comprising  
2            at least one pocket; and  
3            wherein said at least one pocket is disposed on said pack.

1     24.     *(previously presented)* The combination as defined in claim 23, wherein said at  
2            least one pocket is located on a surface of said pack that is only visible when said  
3            first surface of said pack is in said open position thereof and said hunting blind is  
4            in said deployed position thereof.

25.     *(canceled)*

26.     *(canceled)*

1     27.     *(previously presented)* The combination as defined in claim 10, wherein said  
2             second means includes fourth means for detachably fastening said second means.

1     28.     *(previously presented)* The combination as defined in claim 27, wherein said  
2             fourth means is selected from the group consisting of buckles, D-rings, snaps,  
3             hook and loop fasteners, buttons, and ties.

1     29.     *(previously presented)* The combination as defined in claim 14, wherein said pack  
2             has an interior; and  
3             wherein said interior of said pack is accessible when said hunting blind is in said  
4             deployed position thereof.

1     30.     *(currently amended)* The combination as defined in claim ~~1~~ 7, wherein said first  
2             surface of said back is ~~detachable~~ detachably secured to said pack by a zipper.

1     31.     *(currently amended)* The combination as defined in claim ~~1~~ 7, wherein said  
2             hunting blind extends from both sides of said pack when said hunting blind is in  
3             said deployed position thereof.

1     32.     *(currently amended)* The combination as defined in claim ~~1~~ 7, wherein said  
2             hunting blind extends from both sides of said first surface of said pack when said  
3             hunting blind is in said deployed position thereof.

1     33.     *(currently amended)* The combination as defined in claim ~~1~~ 7, wherein said  
2             hunting blind is secured to both sides of said pack; and  
3             wherein said hunting blind is secured to both sides of said first surface of said  
4             pack.

1     34.     *(previously presented)* The combination as defined in claim 23, wherein said at  
2             least one pocket, when more than one pocket, are of various shapes and sizes.

1     35.     *(previously presented)* The combination as defined in claim 23, wherein wherein  
2             said at least one pocket is an accordion style pocket.

1     36.     *(previously presented)* The combination as defined in claim 29, wherein said  
2             interior of said pack is accessible from said top surface of said pack.

1     37.     *(previously presented)* The combination as defined in claim 36, wherein said top  
2             surface of said pack has a zipper; and

3        wherein said interior of said pack is accessible from said zipper of said top surface  
4        of said pack.

1    38.    *(currently amended)* The combination as defined in claim ~~1~~ 7, wherein said pack  
2        is made from a water repellant material;  
3        wherein said pack is made from a water proof material;  
4        wherein said hunting blind is made from a water repellant material; and  
5        wherein said hunting blind is made from a water proof material.

39.    *(canceled)*

1    40.    *(currently amended)* The combination as defined in claim ~~1~~ 7, wherein said pack  
2        has at least one of a pattern and a coloration;  
3        wherein said pack has exposed surfaces;  
4        wherein said at least one of said pattern and said coloration of said pack is on said  
5        exposed surfaces of said pack for blending into the environment where said pack  
6        is to be used;  
7        wherein said hunting blind has at least one of a pattern and a coloration;  
8        wherein said hunting blind has exposed surfaces;



9            wherein said at least one of said pattern and said coloration of said hunting blind is  
10           on said exposed surfaces of said hunting blind for blending into the environment  
11           where said hunting blind is to be used.

1    41.    *(previously presented)* The combination as defined in claim 40, wherein said  
2           pattern is a camouflage pattern.

1    42.    *(previously presented)* The combination as defined in claim 19, wherein said at  
2           least one loop of said second means, when more than one loop, are spaced-apart  
3           from each other.

1    43.    *(currently amended)* The combination as defined in claim ~~1~~ 7, wherein said  
2           hunting blind is detachably secured to said pack and to said first surface of said  
3           pack so as to allow said hunting blind to be removed from said pack and said first  
4           surface of said pack when not needed or for repair, replacement, or exchange.

44.    *(canceled)*

45.    *(canceled)*

1     46.     *(currently amended)* The combination as defined in claim ~~1~~ 7, wherein said pack  
2             has a height;  
3             wherein said first surface of said pack has a height; and  
4             wherein said hunting blind extends substantially said height of said pack and  
5             substantially said height of said first surface of said pack when said first surface of  
6             said pack is in said open position thereof and said hunting blind is in said  
7             deployed position thereof.